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Field Trip to Abashiri : Observing Native Grass and Flowers

June 23

We have this event every year and we went to Abashiri this year. The KIT honorary professor Yamagishi instructed us. It was a fine day and 19 international students participated. First, we went to the Abashiri Historical Museum and learned about the local culture of Okhotsk.



Then we went to the wild ranch and saw animals such as llamas, horses and cows. A Chinese student Ms. Chen Xinyu said that the llamas were very cute and enjoyed taking pictures with them. The lunch was delicious and also the clear air from the Okhotsk sea was delicious!!

After lunch, we went to the Koshimizu wild flower park and observed native grass and flowers. Mr. Jeong Yongho thought that the Okhotsk sea was so beautiful and he went into the sea. Then he was so surprised that the sea was very cold. Mongolian student Ms. Dorjbaldan Saranbileg said that she rarely had chances to see the sea in Mongolia and she was so impressed by the beautiful Okhotsk sea. The field trip was full of smiles from international students. We thank the “Kitami Soroptimist Association” for donating to us, so we could have this event for international students.



International Event at Campus Festival

June 24

IKEBANA (Flower Arrangement)

On the first day of the Campus Festival, there was an IKEBANA lesson for international students. 12 students from Korea, Algeria, Mongolia, China and Bangladesh participated. The instructor, Ms. Nishino, taught us how to arrange flowers in the traditional Japanese way.



Each student made their own arrangement beautifully. Then we voted on the best one and Ms. Ganzorig Oyundari from Mongolia got first place. Her arrangement was displayed at the president's office. Mr. Jeong Yongho, who got second place said, “This is my first time to arrange flowers in my life. It was lots of fun and made me understand Japanese culture!”



Sado (Tea-Ceremony)

Kitami Fuji High School's SADO-club had a tea-ceremony. Many international students, citizen and visitors enjoyed Japanese traditional tea with Japanese sweets. We thank Fuji high school SADO-club that has held this ceremony for many years.



KIMONO : Campus Festival

June 25

On the second day of the Campus Festival, there was a wearing kimono event for international students. Ms. Liu Miao from China said, "It was so hard to walk in the kimono; however the kimono is so beautiful and I took a lot of pictures!." Ms. Chen Xinyu said surprisingly, "It was too tight to breath. I found that it took so long and was not easy to put the kimono on." Mr. Jeong Yongho was excited about wearing it and said that one of his dreams came true!!



International Food Booth: Campus Festival

◆Korea

Teeokbokki, Korean Oden, Korean Spicy-Noodles

There was no Korean food booth last year, and visitors were excited about this year's booth. The booth was so popular and much busier than the Korean students had expected. Mr. Yun Junhyeok said, "It was not easy to prepare Korean foods here in Kitami, but I was happy to introduce them and see that people enjoyed our Korean food. We earned some money, so we will go to have a BBQ together. I really look forward to it!"



◆Taiwan

Tapioca milk tea

The students from Taiwan made and sold tapioca milk-tea. Ms. Liu Chia-Hsin said, "It was such hard work to make each small tapioca by hand. Many people gave us compliments and I was so pleased to hear them. I wish it had not been a rainy cold day and more milk-tea had been sold, but it was fun to work with other Taiwanese friends and became a great memory at KIT."



◆China

Dumplings

Chinese students set an eating space for the guests in the booth. Mr. Li Zhichao said, "The dumplings were sold out on the first day, then we stayed up late and made dumplings all through the night for the second day, because we made them from the scratch and it took so long. I really wanted show our Chinese passion for dumplings and it was a great success. I would like to do it next year, too!"



◆Mongolia

Kjuushuur (fried dumplings), Mongolian donuts, Mongolian spit-roasting

The Mongolian booth has served traditional food every year and it was popular this year, too. There was a long line in front of the booth in the afternoon on the first day. Ms. Dorjbaldan Saranbileg said, "It took a few days to prepare and it was so tiring but it was a good memory." They donated the money they made to the Educational Association in Mongolia.





“Dokodemo TAKETONBO Okhotsk” sent us instructors and we made TAKETONBO (bamboo helicopters) by ourselves. Most of us never had a chance to make one, and struggled to cut the bamboo, twisting the wing by candle heat and so on. Each person finished their own TAKETONBO and each one flew differently, such as flying so high or so fast. Korean student Mr. Kim Sangheon said, “It was so much fun to make one and it reminds me of the time when I was a child.” Japanese student Ms. Natsumi Iijima said, “It seemed to be easy to make one, but it wasn’t. I had fun talking with international students while we were making them!” We all thank the kind instructors who introduced Japanese traditions.

Dancing Parade at Kitami Bonchi Festival

July 14



Many international students enjoyed dancing in the parade at the 46th Kitami Bonchi Festival. Some international students said it was just like a summer festival in Japanese anime, wearing a YUKATA (summer kimono), ZORI (Japanese shoes) and holding a fan. They seemed to enjoyed themselves very much.



China University of Petroleum visited KIT

July 24 - 27

12 students and 2 faculty members visited KIT and had some workshops together. We hope to keep this good connection and keep researching together in the future.



KIT bus had a last run

July 28

The KIT bus brought us to many places over the past 27 years. It retired on July 28, 2017 when the international students had a field trip to Monbetsu. The driver Mr. Ono will retire this August. We all thank Mr. Ono And the bus for their wonderful work.



Short-term Foreign Students Graduation Ceremony

July 31

Short-term foreign students from our sister universities had a graduation ceremony. 10 students from 3 sister universities received the certificates this time. Ms. Lin Shu-Huei from Taiwan made a speech in Japanese and said, “Studying at KIT was a great experience and I will never regret studying here.” The movie they made was played and showed what a wonderful time each student had in Kitami. We all wish them success!!



Future Schedule

- ◆International C-Hour “Flowing Noodles”
August 2 (Wednesday)
Courtyard of the International Center Faculty Office
- ◆Language Studying Tour to Germany
August 11 – September 2

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